



TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

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## From the President's Desk

We've taken a very sudden jump from heat and humidity to cooler temperatures with a nip in the air at night; fall is in the air and Bridgeville is the place to be during the fall months. We may be small in number, but we are definitely BIG on activities, as evidenced by our sidebar!

I am very pleased to report the appointment of Mr. Jesse Savage to the position of Town Manager. Jesse began his employment with the Town in 2003 as Finance Director and proved himself to be fiscally responsible and a tremendous asset to the Town. He served as Acting Town Manager for the past several months and was appointed Town Manager by the unanimous vote of the Town Commission in July. Jesse will continue to handle the Town's finances in his new role.

The Town government has been actively involved in a Master Planning exercise in coordination with the State Office of Planning to consider future needs and the infrastructure to support those needs for both Greenwood and Bridgeville. The Commissioners are also pursuing a number of grants and loans for important projects, including new well house alarms and water meters, as well as the replacement of the Walnut St. water main. These grants/loans will also assist the Town in road improvements and upgrades to our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Our Town Manager is conscientiously following every lead to bring federal and state monies to Bridgeville.

Congratulations go to our Woodbridge Little League Girl's 14-16 year-old team that qualified for the Little League World Series for the first time and played their way into the Championship game. They lost to the Puerto Rico team, but came away with a large trophy and many memories and friendships made. Well done ladies!

Bridgeville's Patriot Day Program took place on September 11th at the Heritage Shores Clubhouse. It truly honored the loved ones we lost eleven years ago and the first responders who continue to keep our country safe.

The program began with a tartan-clad bagpiper playing Amazing Grace and God Bless America, followed by the First State Harmonizers' stirring rendition of the National Anthem. Attorney General Joseph R. "Beau" Biden, Jr. was guest speaker for the event. His remarks are included on page 3 of this newsletter.

A very moving MIA/POW presentation was made by the Woodbridge Marine JROTC and we were pleased to have the Quilts of Valor organization in attendance. They presented handmade, patriotic quilts to local members of the 1049th Transportation Company, having recently returned from a one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan. Quilts of Valor has awarded quilts to over 66,000 members of the military who have been deployed during wartime and have stood in harm's way.

Local firefighters, law enforcement officers and EMT/paramedics were honored, as well as Delaware Forest Service members who traveled out west to fight forest fires. The Town extends its appreciation to Mr. John Barr and the Heritage Shores Military Club for organizing and hosting the program.

Fall is my favorite time of the year when the green landscape turns into magnificent colors. I would encourage you to take a moment from your busy schedule to enjoy the beautiful fall season (and when you are outside raking all those beautiful fall leaves, get acquainted with your neighbors!)

*Pat Correll*



**Apple Scrapple  
Festival  
Oct. 12-13**



**Punkin Chunkin  
Nov. 2-4**



**Christmas  
In Bridgeville  
Craft Show  
Dec. 1**

## Monthly Statistics

Reflects Totals from Month of:	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Traffic Arrests/Criminal Charges	407 / 31	466 / 55	328 / 62
Building Permits/Revenue	14 / \$10,974.12	8 / \$5,529.81	10 / \$2,986.16
Certificates of Occupancy	0	0	2
Untagged/Inoperable Vehicles	3	0	0

## Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

### July, August, September 2012

The Commissioners discussed burglar alarms at residences and businesses, due to the Town and State Police receiving excessive calls for false alarms. Per Town Code, repeat offenders will be issued violations. Owners with false alarms should schedule service calls to repair units and report back to the Bridgeville Police Department.

The Town has received a \$12,000 grant and over \$3,900 in monetary gifts from residents and businesses toward the purchase and training of a Police K-9 unit. A policy manual has been approved which clarifies the local and non-local use of the K-9 unit.

The Commission passed several charter changes and received approval from the General Assembly. (1) Changes the termination of a Town Manager to a simple majority, vote, rather than the current 2/3 majority. (2) Removes unnecessary verbiage that should have been deleted from the charter as to the institution of voting districts for municipal elections; the highest vote getter in each voting district wins the election. (3) Allows the Commissioners to borrow money without the duty of a referendum by issuing bonds or other obligations to State/Federal government where the obligation shall bear no interest and the obligation shall be forgiven in its entirety. (4) Allows the Town to borrow up to \$1,500,000 for proper municipal purposes by issuing bonds or other obligations without the duty of a referendum.

Bridgeville resident Edward (Jimmy Walls) was honored with an Award of Valor from the American Police Hall of Fame for his assistance to Private First Class John McQuown of the Bridgeville Police Department in subduing a suspect endangering the life of the officer.

The Town has purchased the empty lot at 104 N. Main St. through a Sheriff's sale.

The Nanticoke Health Foundation has welcomed the Town of Bridgeville to their Nanticoke Society as members of their President's Club resulting from a donation from the Town Commission.

The Commission approved pre-applications to the Delaware Office of Drinking Water for loans to fund well house alarms, new water meters and the Walnut St. water main replacement.

Mr. Rob Richey was reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3-year term.

Town Manager Savage advised the street paving on Main St. should be completed by the end of September.

Ordinance A12-3 was passed, creating exceptions from development plan reviews for permitted uses in Town Center or Commercial districts where the use is permitted and will occupy an existing building or structure that requires no alterations, additional parking, or the construction of public utilities or streets. The Town desires to be friendly to small businesses desiring to locate in Bridgeville.

The Town will receive \$45,000-50,000 from Senator Joe Booth to fund various paving and storm drain projects.

The Commissioners discussed the amount of truck traffic coming through Town and acknowledged we are an agricultural community with essential local deliveries. The Police Department has recorded truck traffic and determined that the vast majority of trucks are local deliveries. The Police were instructed to continue pursuing speeding traffic, including trucks.

The Commission approved a USDA Grant for a Wastewater Inflow & Infiltration Study. The Town of Greenwood has offered the use of their smoke testing equipment.



## September 11th Patriot Day Program Delaware Attorney General Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

The Town of Bridgeville was privileged to have Delaware Attorney General Joseph R. "Beau" Biden, Jr. as guest speaker for the Patriot Day program in Bridgeville. The event was geared to remembering the loved ones who were tragically lost that day and honoring the first responders. These are just a few of his comments.

Attorney General Biden called Patriot's Day "a day of remembrance and honor"; honoring those we lost 11 years ago on this day. He admitted the feeling is "as raw today as it was that day" - even more so for those families who lost loved ones. The quick response of aid by Delawareans was not at all surprising to him, as he knows the willingness of our people state-wide to help in emergencies. Some of our fellow Delawareans also lost loved ones that day.

The Attorney General quoted a Fire Chief from the early 20th century who said, "When a man (or woman - added by Mr. Biden) becomes a fireman, his/her greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. All that he/she does afterward is all in the line of work." Biden stated, "whatever uniform you put on, and that includes spouses, sons and

daughters who allow the uniform to be put on; none of us can do it alone. It requires the support of the entire family and the entire community." Biden added that he came to Bridgeville to thank all those who serve in various capacities as first responders.

Attorney General Biden ended his remarks with a quote from George Washington. "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." He added, "That captures why we are here...if we do not honor those who have served the way we should as a nation, how are we supposed to get people to volunteer to protect this nation? Our youngest and brightest among us watch how their leaders and how their communities embrace and appreciate and value the service they have given. It inspires them to do so...Thank you for inspiring them to do so. God Bless America and God Bless our Troops."

## From the Bridgeville Police Department

### National Night Out

The Bridgeville Police Department hosted another successful National Night Out on September 13th. The event was coordinated by PFC Bonniwell, who has done a tremendous job every year on this important event. There were displays from various local organizations, including our local 4-H group, Sussex County EMS, Sussex County Communications, Delaware State Fire Marshal, Antique Police Cars, the Bridgeville Police Department and the Bridgeville Fire Company. We also had a special visit by McGruff the crime fighting dog who greeted visitors and displayed his dancing abilities. For the second consecutive year, the Woodbridge High School USMC-JROTC program helped set-up and break-down displays, while the food was prepared and served for the third consecutive year by the Culinary Arts students of the Caroline County Career & Technology Center.

A special thanks goes to all the local residents and businesses who donated food, material, raffle prizes and monetary assistance. We could not conduct this event without the partnership of the Bridgeville community.

### K-9 Unit coming to Bridgeville

The Bridgeville Police Department is proud to announce a new addition to the Police force. K-9 (canine) "Jerri" and his handler, Corporal Robert James, are completing training and will be fully operational shortly. K-9 Jerri is a Malinois/Shepherd mix from Czechoslovakia. He has tested great in all of his training and his "hunt and drive" is reported to be "through the roof." The cost of K-9 Jerri and the training program has been paid by the Byrne/Jag Grant, with additional donations from local residents and businesses. We welcome the opportunity to display our new K-9 Team's abilities to community organizations. Please call the Police Department to make arrangements.

On behalf of the officers of the Bridgeville Police Department, I thank you for affording us the opportunity to serve you.  
Please contact us at 302-337-8302.

Robert J. Longo, Chief of Police

**"Working Together to Keep our Families Safe"**

## Town News



### Bridgeville Halloween Celebration Wednesday, October 31



**"Trick or Treat"**  
6 - 8 PM  
Ages 12 and Under

Lions Club  
Halloween Party  
8 PM  
Historical Society Park

#### Halloween Safety Tips

**Adult Supervision** Young children require adult supervision!

**Safety in Numbers** Older children should stay in a group.

**Plan Ahead** Designate a route and stick to it; visit homes with outdoor lights on.

**Stay Outside** Never enter a home to receive your candy.

**Say "No" to Strangers** Never accept a ride from a stranger.

**Visibility Counts** Dress in a bright costume to be seen. Wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight. Masks block full vision; wear make-up instead.

**Quality Check Treats** Save your candy; bring it home for a parental check. Throw away any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.

**Obey the Law** Rehearse traffic safety rules with children prior to Halloween. Look both ways before crossing streets and always cross as a group.

**Have a Safe and Happy Halloween**

### Tree & Foliage Trimming Reminder

Now that school is back in session, residents must make certain that school buses have un-obscured vision at all intersections. Please trim trees and all foliage to allow our school buses and the Town street sweeper to safely navigate our streets.

### Holiday Trash/Recycle Pick-Up Schedule

Thanksgiving: Trash/Recycle Pick-Up  
**Delayed One Day - Saturday, November 24**

Christmas: Trash Pick-Up  
**Delayed One Day - Saturday, December 29**

New Year's: Trash/Recycle Pick-Up  
**Delayed One Day - Saturday, January 5**



### Caroling in the Park



Sunday,  
December 16  
6:30 PM

Historical Society Park

Sponsored by:  
Bridgeville Mustangs 4-H Club

Music by:  
Lifeway Church of God Praise & Worship Team



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### Preparation of Newsletter for Bulk Mailing

The Town is maintaining a list of residents who are willing to help prepare the newsletter for mailing (tabs/labels/etc.).

There is no obligation involved; you would receive a phone call from Town Hall to check your availability when the quarterly newsletter arrives from the printer.

Please contact April at Town Hall

337-7135

or email [abuckler@ddmg.net](mailto:abuckler@ddmg.net) to express your interest

## New Faces on the Block

#### Harlequin Loop:

The Tyrone Sprys  
Ms. Mildred Smith-Evans  
The Bruce Milanos  
The Richard Reimans

#### Market Street:

Ms. Sheila Cross

#### Cedar Street:

Tull Group

#### Ruddy Duck Lane:

Ms. Barbara Savitz  
The Herman Moores  
The James Clopton, Jr.

#### Jacobs Avenue:

The Everett Isaacs

#### Delaware Avenue:

The Keith Kaleineks  
Ms. Cassandra Rose

#### Blue Heron Court:

The Richard Schieszes

Welcome New Business:

Church Mouse Consignment Shop





# 21st Annual Apple Scrapple Festival October 12 & 13



## Festival Committee News

**The Festival Committee would like to thank Bridgeville residents in advance for their cooperation during this two-day Festival.**

### Street Closings during the Festival:

- Delaware Ave.    • Mechanic St.
- Walnut St. (400 block)
- South Cannon St. (Market to Walnut St.)
- Laws St. (Market to Edgewood St.)
- William St. (Market to Walnut St.)
- Railroad Ave. (Market to Walnut St.)
- Market St. will be closed to all traffic on  
Saturday, October 13th from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Two Alley Permits per household will be distributed to residents who live on the above streets approximately one week prior to the festival. The permit will allow residents entrance into their property during the festival. If an additional permit is needed, it can be obtained at the Town Hall. Also note, there will be several food vendors setting up on Thursday, October 11th in front of non-residential properties.

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## Home Decorating Contest

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club will again sponsor the Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest. No registration is necessary and all residents are eligible. Decorations must be in keeping with the festival theme using apples and scrapple, or a facsimile of each.

**It is very important that contest participants have their decorations in place by Wednesday, October 10th.**

Judging will be completed by Thursday, October 11th and contest winners will be announced Friday evening, October 12th from the stage area located behind the Fire Hall. Put those creative talents to work and join in the fun; help create community spirit. For more information call 337-7070.

## Bridgeville Historical Society

The "Old Firehouse" Museum, located on the corner of Delaware Ave. and William St., will be open from 10 AM - 3 PM on Saturday during the festival and the Scrapple Creek Runners will play at the Historical Society Park from 11 AM to 3 PM. Stop by and visit Bridgeville's past. The Historical Society will also host a

## **Civil War Confederate Encampment at the Historical Society Park**

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## Library Carnival

### Home Town Carnival Night

**Thursday, October 11th**

**4 PM - 9 PM**

A \$18.00 wristband buys you a whole evening of fun!

Enjoy the carnival atmosphere, avoid the crowds  
and support your local library.

## Carnival Hours During the Festival

**Friday, October 12th**

**4 PM - 10 PM**

A \$20.00 wristband buys you a whole evening of fun!

**Saturday, October 13th**

**9:30 AM - 11 PM**

**\$1.00 per Ticket**

(Family Pack of 25 Tickets for \$20)

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## Little Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant

The annual Little Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant will be held on Friday, October 12th at 6:30 PM on the main stage behind the Fire Hall. For more information please call Rita Hovermale at 337-8318.

**www.applescrapple.com**

## Bridgeville Historical Society (BHS) News

- **General Meeting** November 14 - Covered Dish Meeting at St. Mary's Parish House, 6:30 PM. The Society will provide meat and beverages. Guest speaker - Russell McCabe. New members are welcomed.
- **Christmas in Bridgeville** Saturday, December 1 at Woodbridge H.S. from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Do your Christmas shopping at the 80+ booths at this annual fundraiser for the BHS. Admission is free; however, you can buy \$1.00 chances at the door for a large flat-screen television. Call 337-7784 or 337-8595 for more information.
- **Old Fire House Museum** A recent sign on the fire company's marquee read, **"TO LEARN THE FUTURE, VISIT THE PAST."** Why not visit the Old Fire House Museum at 102 S. William St. to learn more about the past of Bridgeville and surrounding communities. In addition to being open during the Apple Scrapple Festival, the museum is open on the following dates:  
     Sundays: October 7      November 4      11:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
     Tuesday mornings      9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- **Raffle** “Master Bedroom” Andrew Wyeth print donated by Bud Snyder Custom Framing - \$1 tickets at library
- **Holiday Fund Drive** Help decorate our tree! For each donation (\$5,10,15,20) an ornament will be added
- **Story Time** 2-4 Year Olds - Tuesdays, 11 AM  
4-6 Year Olds - Thursdays, 11 AM
- **Lap Sit** 3 Month-2 Year Olds - Wed., 10 AM  
on Hiatus Dec. 1 - Jan. 8
- **Family Nights** Mthly, third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 PM
- **Winter Reading Program** Dec. 18 - Jan. 29
- **Holiday Celebration** December 20, 6:30 - 8 PM  
Fun for the whole family
- **“Recent Reads” Discussion** Oct. 20/Nov. 17/Dec. 15
- **Teen Programming** Oct 23/Dec 18 - Book Discussions
- **Genealogy Discussion** Mthly, third Wed., 10:30 AM
- **Library Closings**  
October: 13, 15  
December 24, 25, 31  
November 21, 22  
January 1

## Upcoming Events

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|---------------------|---|
| October 23<br>7 PM  | <b>Superstitions and Tombstones</b><br>Storyteller Ed Okonowicz will offer chilling tales, legends and fascinating folklore from the mid-Atlantic region. Okonowicz is a Delaware native, the author of 24 books and an editor/writer at the University of Delaware, where he still lectures. |
| November 13<br>7 PM | <b>Shooting for Success</b><br>Photographic Artist Lloydlee Heite will share his knowledge and passion for photography. Heite is an award-winning photographer located in Bridgeville. His work will be displayed in the library during October.  |
| December 12<br>7 PM | <b>Christmas Carol Band</b><br>Join us at the library for a wonderful evening of caroling and good cheer with the Milford Community Band.   |

**Meetings take place at the Library Meeting Room**

Anyone interested in becoming a Friend can stop by the library to pick up a membership form.

- **Crab Cakes on the Road** The Bridgeville Lions had a crab cake sale booth at the Greenwood Day Celebration on September 1st. This was the first time the Lions Club has participated in the Greenwood event and it was very successful.
- **Apple Scrapple Festival** With the “practice session” behind them in Greenwood, the Lions will be ready for you to stop by their booth for the best crab cake sandwich around at our hometown festival. Profits from both events are used to help those less fortunate. Also, look for the Lioness ladies at the Apple Scrapple information booth, where they will be selling festival shirts.
- **Halloween Party** This year Bridgeville’s “Trick or Treat” will take place on Wednesday, October 31st from 6-8 PM. The Lions and Lioness Clubs’ annual Halloween Party will be held at 8 PM in the Historical Society Park on the corner of Delaware Ave. and William St.
- **Winter Season** The clubs will soon begin gathering items for needy families at Christmas. This is a major undertaking for the clubs. While the Lioness gather gifts, the Lions will be providing food for those less fortunate.



## Community Activities

### Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

- **Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament** The Bridgeville Kiwanis Foundation is very pleased to be one of the recipients of funds raised through Bridgeville's annual golf tournament and encourages anyone who hasn't signed up yet to contact the Town Hall at 302-337-7135 to register a 4-some for a great day of golf at Heritage Shores Golf Club. Tee it up for a worthy cause!
- **Apple Scrapple Festival Home Decorating Contest** See page 5 for all the details; let's "show-off" Bridgeville with a record number of house decorations this year for the festival.
- **Christmas Home Decorating Contest** It's not too early to remind you of the annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest. Decorations must be in place prior to Christmas Day and judging will take place between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Prize winners will be notified by the judging committee.
- **Honoring a Dedicated Kiwanian** The Kiwanis Club recently honored George F. "Sonny" Hardesty, Jr. for his 51 years of dedicated service to the club and community. Sonny has served as president twice over the years and then found his niche as club secretary in October 1977. His term of office will end September 30th, with 35 years of consecutive service. He has been a mentor to 35 different club presidents and has received numerous honors at the local, district and national levels. When the new Bridgeville Library was built, the club made a donation in his name for the children's reading area. Below are just a few of Sonny's awards:  
 Capital District KI Foundation Tablet of Honor - 1985 (The only club recipient of this award)  
 Kiwanis International Life Member - 1986 (The only club recipient of this award)  
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Darrel K. Morris, Pastor

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Sunday

9:30 - Gateway

10:45 - Morning Worship

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7:00 - Community Connections

(all ages)

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## Important Dates to Remember

<b>Oct</b>	<b>6-7</b>	Kiwanis Chicken BBQ - Last Weekend	<b>Nov</b>	<b>12</b>	Woodbridge Schools Closed
	<b>7</b>	Old Fire House Museum Open 11:30 AM-3 PM		<b>13</b>	Shooting for Success Library, 7 PM
	<b>8</b>	Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM		<b>14</b>	BHS Covered-Dish St. Mary's Church 6:30 PM
	<b>10</b>	Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest Decorations must be completed today		<b>21</b>	Woodbridge - No School for Students Library Closed
	<b>11</b>	Hometown Carnival Night 4-9 PM		<b>22</b>	Thanksgiving Day Town Office/Library & Woodbridge Schools Closed
	<b>12</b>	Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament Woodbridge - No School for Students		<b>23</b>	Town Office/Woodbridge Schools Closed
	<b>12-13</b>	Apple Scrapple Festival Opening Ceremony on Friday at 6:00 PM		<b>24</b>	<u>Saturday Trash/Recycle Pick-up</u>
	<b>13 &amp; 15</b>	Bridgeville Library Closed	<b>Dec</b>	<b>1</b>	Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show Woodbridge High School, 9 AM - 3 PM
	<b>23</b>	Superstitions & Tombstones Library, 7 PM		<b>8</b>	Hanukkah (begins at sunset)
	<b>31</b>	Bridgeville Trick or Treating 6-8 PM Lions Club Halloween Party 8 PM Historical Society Park		<b>10</b>	Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
<b>Nov</b>	<b>2-4</b>	Punkin Chunkin		<b>12</b>	Christmas Carol Band Library, 7 PM
	<b>4</b>	Bridgeville Fire Company Dinner Noon-5 PM, Fire Hall		<b>16</b>	Caroling in the Park 6:30 PM
		Old Fire House Museum Open 11:30 AM-3 PM Daylight Savings Time Ends		<b>24-31</b>	Woodbridge Schools Closed
	<b>6</b>	Election Day - Woodbridge Schools Closed		<b>24</b>	Christmas Eve Town Office/Library Closed
	<b>8</b>	Return Day - Town Office Closed/Woodbridge Schools 1/2 day		<b>25</b>	Christmas Day Town Office/Library Closed Christmas Decorating Contest Judging by 31st
	<b>11</b>	Veterans Day		<b>29</b>	<u>Saturday Trash Pick-up</u>
	<b>12</b>	Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM		<b>31</b>	New Year's Eve Library Closed
			<b>Jan</b>	<b>1</b>	New Year's Day Town Office/Library & Woodbridge Schools Closed
				<b>5</b>	<u>Saturday Trash/Recycle Pick-up</u>